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Looking back, Carragher said the pandemic gravity hit home when retired board psychologist Dr. George Dimitroff died April 12 due to complications from COVID-19.

“I think that put a very real perspective on the seriousness of all this,” said Carragher, noting it’s a key reason why the board has made physical and mental health and safety a priority. “And we will continue to do so moving forward.”

Carragher added other matters of major focus include staffing, maintaining online resources and complying with public health directives.

“We know that we can get through this. We know it’s not going to change much from January to June ... but I’m hopeful that, with a vaccine now being made available, we may be able to return to something a little closer to normal by September.”

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